

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

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CONSERVATION OF WILD ANIMALS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received financial and technical help from international wildlife specialists/bodies for conservation, protection and breeding of wild animals like tigers, lions and elephants;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to make wildlife laws more strict to stop the hunting of wildlife;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN)

- (a) and (b) Financial and technical help from international wildlife specialists/bodies for conservation of wildlife are sought by the Ministry of Environment and Forests as and when required. The details of the important associations are as given below:
- (i) World Wide Fund-International was associated with Tiger Conservation during its initial years in the 1970s.
 - (ii) International Union for Conservation of Nature-Rhino Specialist Group has developed 'Rhino-India Vision-2020' for conservation of Rhinos in the country.
 - (iii) The Royal Society of Protection of Birds, Peregrine Foundation, Bird Life International have been associated in Vulture Conservation Programme.
 - (iv) World Pheasant Association and their experts are associated with Himachal Pradesh Forest Department in breeding and conservation of Western Tragopan.
 - (v) The Wildlife Institute of India, an autonomous institute under the Ministry of Environment and Forests, in association with Smithsonian Institution has conducted capacity building programme for managers of Tiger Reserves for conservation of tiger.
- (c) to (e) The Cabinet Committee has approved the proposal of the Ministry of Environment and Forests seeking amendments in the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, inter alia, for incorporation of the provisions of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of wild fauna and flora (CITES) in the Act, and for enhancing the penalties for violation of any provisions of the Act.